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NEW SCIENTIFIC PERIODICAL PUBLISHED -- Pravda Vostoka, No 155, 7 Aug 49

Subscriptions are now accepted for a new monthly scientific periodical, Les i Step' (Forest and Steppe), published by the Main Administration of Cultivation of Forest Shelter Belts, Council of Ministers USSR. The periodical will contain articles on achievements in science and technology, and practical experiences of kolkhozes, sovkhoses, timber managements, forest conservation stations, machine-tractor stations, and other organizations, with regard to the cultivation of forest shelter belts.

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KIRGIZIA CULTIVATES NEW TYPE OF FORAGE GRASS -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 109, 14 Aug 49

During the past few years, the Leninpol' State Seed-Growing Section in Talass Oblast has been carrying on experiments in the cultivation of sainfoin (*Onobrychis*). With regard to its hay crop, sainfoin is superior to alfalfa. It has strong roots and is extremely drought-resistant. Sainfoin grows very well in stony soil, especially calcic soil, and ripens within a short period. The nitrogen-fixing capacity of sainfoin is remarkable. The small tubers forming on its roots are considerably more developed than those of the blue alfalfa.

Sainfoin is also valuable as a melliferous plant. This is important for the Talass valley, which is poor in honey-producing plants. Local apiculturists could profit greatly by cultivating sainfoin, which yields up to 90 kilograms of nectar per hectare.

Sainfoin growing in Talass Oblast would considerably increase feed resources and would solve the problems of apiculture. -- V. Komstadius, head of Leninpol' State Seed-Growing Section, Talass Oblast

BELORUSSIA TOPS GRAIN DELIVERY PLAN -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 191, 14 Aug 49

Sovkhoses of the Ministry of State Farms Belorussian SSR fulfilled the state plan for grain delivery ahead of schedule. Grain deliveries to procurement centers are continuing.

PRICES FALL IN KRASNODAR -- Krasnyy Flot, No 189, 12 Aug 49

Prices of agricultural products in the markets of Krasnodar have fallen an average of 40 - 50 percent in comparison with 1948. In comparison with July 1948, the flow of vegetables, fruits, oils, eggs, meat, and butter to the markets has risen 100 - 200 percent.

MOLDAVIAN DAIRY ENTERPRISES MECHANIZED -- Izvestiya, No 188, 11 Aug 49

Since the end of the war, 53 creameries, seven milk plants, and hundreds of separating and collection points have been built in the Moldavian SSR. Construction of fully mechanized plants for the dairy industry has begun. Mechanized milk

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plants have been completed in Dubossary and Kamenka. In addition, this year 11 rural-type milk plants, each having a productivity of 1½ tons of milk per day, will be built and put into operation. Construction is under way on mechanized milk plants in Ataki and Floreshty.

FRESH FOOD SHIPMENTS TO NORTH INCREASE -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 180, 2 Aug 49

Kolkhozes of the Jewish Autonomous Oblast and rayons subordinate to Khabarovsk Kray have delivered more than 9,000 pud of honey to procurement centers. A large quantity of honey is being sent to the North. The Procurement Administration of the Kray Fishermen's Consumers Union has delivered 900 pud to fishermen's cooperatives in Nizhne-Amur Oblast. Nearly 3,000 pud have been prepared for shipment to Kamchatka and Okhotsk fishermen.

The Procurement Administration of the Kray Fishermen's Consumers' Union has begun to ship vegetables to the North from the recent deliveries made to the state by the kray's kolkhozes. One hundred tons of cabbage, cucumbers, and tomatoes have been sent to "Chukottorg," Chukot National Okrug.

MAJOR COTTON PLANT LAGS -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 136, 13 Jul 49

The Kokan-Kishlak Cotton-Ginning Plant is of particular importance in the Andizhan Oblast cotton-ginning industry by virtue of its location at the junction of transport lines from the Fergana valley to Kirgiz SSR and because its raw materials from procurement centers in Pakhta-Abadskiy and Izbaskentskiy rayons come to the plant over the combined transport lines of the truck route and the Andizhan-Tentyaksay and Andizhan-Baytok railroad sections. The plant also has a large power base, the capacity of which is far from being utilized by its industrial equipment.

In the 1948 procurement season, the plant was the center for obtaining cotton from 13 procurement centers in Izbaskentskiy and Pakhta-Abadskiy rayons and from Kirgiz SSR. The plant's capacity, however, is not being fully used.

In the fourth quarter 1948, the plant for the first time in 8 years fulfilled the year production plan, having just completed reconstruction. But in the first quarter 1949, its operations became irregular. Kul'tak, director, permitted a considerable drop in production during the first quarter and also allowed the repair of the MAN Diesels to drag on for 1½ months. This is the direct result of the poor planning and general inefficiency of the plant's workers and director.

ANDIZHAN COTTON PROCUREMENT CENTERS READIED -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 152, 5 Aug 49

The "Zagotkhlopkotrest" (Cotton Procurement Trust) in Andizhan Oblast, Uzbek SSR, plans by 3 August to complete preparations for the new harvest at the following procurement centers: the Bekbachasegoza, Nasreddinabad, and Chinabad centers of the Stalinskiy Cotton Plant; the Markhamat and Ukhchi centers of the Leninsk Plant; the Khanabad, Dekhkanchev, Dardak, and Yangi-kurpa centers of the Kurgen-Tyube Plant; and the Khodzhi-Abad and Manyak centers of Andizhan Cotton Plant No 3. Repair of the large Andizhan procurement centers -- Sufikishlak, Paytok, Turkul', Lugumbek, Chuama, and others -- is now being completed.

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